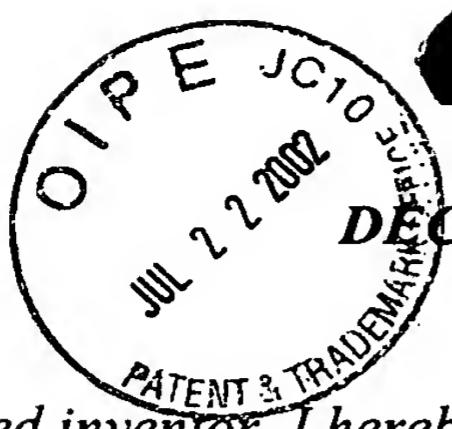


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## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

*As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:*

*My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.*

*I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:*

### **ANTIVIRAL AND ANTIBACTERIAL FILTRATION MODULE FOR A VACUUM CLEANER OR OTHER APPLIANCE**

*the specification of which:*

*(check one)*

*is attached hereto.*

*was filed on January 11, 2002*

*Application Serial No. 10/044,381*

*and was amended by \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)*

*I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.*

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*I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:*

<i>Prior Foreign Application(s)</i>	<i>Priority Claimed</i>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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